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A BAD peace, it is better than a good war. The unfortunate people of Korea, with an ever-present sword of Damocles hanging over their heads, will have to decide what side they can from this weary philosophical dilemma. The struggle by 25 nations at Geneva to improve the state of one such had peace along the 38th parallel could be a Tuesday after waiting for 17 weeks since principles, which we all know to be a mighty force that no sovereign nation should be without. The trouble is that when some nations have a set of unimpeachable principles against others armed with a collection of ascertained immovable facts, the result is not very likely to be a quarrel, Korea, unity, it seems, will have to live its time until the conflicting tenets are somewhat reconciled.

NOW that the Korean phase of the Far Eastern talks has ended with the announced intention of the 16 Allies to refer the question back to the United Nations, prospects for an agreed political settlement appear somewhat paler than they were at Geneva, for the authority of the United Nations is one of the very principles on which negotiations foundered. The other was the now inevitable disagreement on what constitutes free elections. The nations who fought in Korea under the United Nations flag are not unreasonably insistent that the U.N. is the sole authority for the implementation of any agreement. The Communists argue that it cannot be acceptable since they did not accept it, and because the U.N. was a belligerent in the war.

IT'S all very confusing, like a print of superimposed photographs. In the usual confusion, the U.N. is a belligerent. But at the same time it was and remains the world organization which East, West and the neutrals recognize as the supreme organ entrusted with the maintenance of world peace. Its sole purpose in sending its armies to Korea was a complete success, and in that it had the support of all its members outside the Communist orbit, retaining unqualified support for the time being. It is difficult to ascertain exactly at which point this began to be something less than unconditional support, but it is clear that the U.N. flag around the 38th parallel on the heels of the routed North Korean Army. General MacArthur's brilliant statements about pursuing the enemy wherever he may flee (the direction being the Chinese border) and Chiang Kai-shek's declaration that he would not tolerate a hostile force on his frontier, presented a slightly different picture when viewed against the backdrop of the Peking Government and continued support of Chiang Kai-shek, India and other Asian nations who had not yet decided whether to support the U.N. or the Chinese. The Soviet delegate, Mr. Semenov, said that he was not speaking.

South Korea feels free to take action. GENEVA, Wednesday (Reuters). — The South Korean Foreign Minister, Mr. Pyun Yung-fai, said today that his Government no longer felt itself bound by the armistice agreement. He told correspondents that the collapse of the Korean conference had left South Korea free to take any action she saw fit. Mr. Pyun pointed out that the armistice talks had laid down a time limit for the political conference which had long since expired. There was no point in further talks, and action was needed.

THE American role in the Korean question has not been mentioned after the armistice. Geneva has confirmed this, and the failure of the negotiations may be traced to the day that Mr. Dulles returned to Washington. No final decision without full agreement in principle. The settlement is to be durable. One is tempted to ask, however: If a bad peace is good enough for Korea, why not for Indo-China?

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Entire Tunisian Cabinet Hands In Resignation

TUNIS, Wednesday. — The Tunisian Cabinet of Mohammed Salah M'zali today submitted its resignation to the President General, M. Pierre Voinard. The Premier, however, agreed to remain in office provisionally, at the request of the President.

This follows the resignation of two Ministers in the M'zali Cabinet, the Minister of Health, Ben Salem, and the Minister for Muslim Affairs, Mohammed Saadallah. They said that they did not want to rule against the Tunisian people.

French paratroopers today moved into the mountainous area of South Western Tunisia where six people were killed by Falauchian outlaws recently. The latest murder was that of a well-known Sheikh. The terrorist planned a note to his body "Long Live Red Tunisia."

In Tunis itself, the editor of a moderate newspaper was shot and wounded. (Reuters, UP)

UN Hears Thai Plea For Peace Observers

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuters). — The U.N. Security Council's special session opened today with a request by Thailand for a peace observation group to be sent to its country to watch its borders with Indo-China.

The Council adjourned until Friday, when a vote may be taken. The resolution proposed that the group be sent to Thailand only, and if it wanted to go to other parts of the region it should refer to the Peace Observation Commission of the Security Council for necessary instructions.

The Thai delegate, Mr. Saranta, told the Council that this "important change is the result of a complete change in the wishes that the scope of the activity of the peace observation group should be limited, at least for the time being."

Mr. Saranta said that the Thai Government was not prepared to accept the resolution, adding that the Thai Government was perfectly natural and understandable in the present circumstances.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge (U.S.) stated that his government supported the Thai request and urged the Council to "act with all possible speed" to authorize it.

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He told a questioner that it would be up to America to decide if her defence pact with South Korea obliged her to take part in any military action against North Korea.

U.N. delegates here expressed surprise and alarm at Mr. Pyun's statement. A U.S. spokesman said that his delegation would not take any action until the South Koreans had decided whether to make any commitment.

DEPORT EVACUATION LONDON, Wednesday (Reuters). — The War Office today categorically denied reports that the partial evacuation of the Bonn-Bonn would start within a fortnight.

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Progress Reported In Talks on Indo-China

GENEVA, Wednesday (Reuters). — The nine-nation Indo-China peace talks are to continue in full session because "sufficient progress" was made at today's secret meeting to justify this, conference sources said tonight.

Talks with Churchill Over Wide Field—Ke

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — President Eisenhower told his news conference today that he was calling a meeting of the Council of State next week to discuss the future of the Geneva conference on Korea.

Mr. Eisenhower said that he expected Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, the chief U.S. delegate at Geneva, to return here to report on the conference next week.

Questioned about his coming talks with Sir Winston Churchill, the President replied that he intended to have informal discussions which would cover every conceivable matter of international concern to both countries. He did not mention the Middle East specifically, however.

Asked about the failure of the Korea talks at Geneva, Mr. Eisenhower answered that he wanted to get clear in his own mind what had happened at the Geneva conference. He expected Mr. Smith home next week, and as quickly as convenient thereafter he would invite members of both parties in Congress to hear a detailed explanation of everything that went on at Geneva.

He said he believed that the next step was for the 16 allied nations who had fought in Korea to report to the U.N. on their failure to reach a solution. The U.N. would then have to take some action, but he did not know what that would be.

Mr. Eisenhower added that he was not giving any thought now to whether he would seek re-election when his term as President expires in 1960.

NEW VIETNAMESE PREMIER NAMED

SAIGON, Wednesday (Reuters). — Bao Dai, Chief of State, had asked the Chief of the Nationalist leader, Ngo Dinh Diem, to form a new government. Mr. Diem, who was named as Premier of Vietnam yesterday.

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US, British Leaders Expected To Patch Up Eden-Dulles Rift

LONDON, Wednesday. — The main purpose of the coming Washington talks, it is generally agreed here, will be to close the Anglo-American rift. Compared with this, all other aims are subsidiary. Since their widely publicized misunderstanding last April, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eden have barely been speaking terms.

Most of their exchanges have been telegraphic rather than verbal and have generally been marked by a high degree of mutual irritation. It will be the task of Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Eden to make peace between their respective Foreign Secretaries. The problem of peace in Indo-China was the last subject on which the British view continues to be that a partition of the country can be effected in the autumn, provided that sufficient guarantees are given to defend the south. These forces should include two British aircraft carriers and enough American airpower to give the Vietnamese peace.

The French would continue to contribute most of the land forces, but the overall command would be American with a British deputy, probably General Templer, to assist General Van Fleet, who is expected to get the latest peace agreement. Some arrangements may be announced at the conclusion of the Washington talks.

Although Paris is annoyed at the holding of talks without French participation, the French are expected to go along. The conference has given Sir Winston an opportunity to revive his favorite theme of Anglo-American partnership. But it is not clear if he will do so.

Austria, Uruguay Win First Round Matches. BERN, Wednesday (AP). — In the first round of the World Soccer Cup, the hosts, Austria, beat Czechoslovakia 2-0 (0-0).

In the other games Austria beat Sweden 1-0 (0-0), Yugoslavia beat France 1-0 (1-0), Brazil beat Mexico 2-0 (1-0).

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Ali Seeks Syria As Partner In Turkish Pact

DAMASCUS, Wednesday. — The Pakistan Premier, Mr. Mohammed Ali, confirmed here today that he would ask Syria to join the Turkish-Pakistan pact. All who are passing through the Syrian capital on his way back from Turkey, added that the door was open for other Arab states to join.

Israel, Soviet Missions Raised To Embassies

The Israel Legation in Moscow and the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv have been raised to the status of Embassies, according to an official communiqué issued simultaneously in Jerusalem and Moscow at midnight (Israel time) last night.

Amir, Minister To Holland, Dies

The death took place yesterday afternoon in The Hague of Dr. Michel Amir, Israeli Minister to The Netherlands. Reuter reports that he died of a heart attack after opening the "From the Land of the Bible" exhibition in the Municipal Museum.

Iraq's Assurances Satisfy Byroade

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Byroade, told the House Foreign Relations Committee that Iraq had made commitments and given assurances not to use force to attack Israel.

Mr. Byroade said he believed that the Soviet Union was seeking to win the Arab League to Communism, and indicated that he felt that the U.S. must combat this threat by greater support for the Arab League. "Ever since I have had this job," he added, "I have worked to bring about a settlement in the Israel-Arab problem, and now she has clearly done that. Twice within the last few months, the Arab League has voted resolutions in the Security Council on this matter. My Arab friends feel that Russia's aim is to try to be friendly to them."

Mr. Byroade went on to say that he thought the U.S. was getting in a good position to assist the Arab States. "I believe similarly that assistance can be given to the Arab States in the form of a downward trend. I believe that our assistance can continue to diminish year by year," Mr. Byroade concluded.

Security Bill To Committee

A violent name-calling scene across the floor of the Knesset ended yesterday by Mr. Y. Shapira (Mapai) who made a personal statement at the end of the discussion on the Crimes against the State Bill.

Mr. Shapira said that Dr. Snash had charged him during the debate on Tuesday with receiving IL.20,000 from the Shilumim Corporation. He had denied this, and the time and in fact he received neither salary nor any other form of payment, direct or indirect, from the Shilumim.

The statement had been made in a slanderous fashion, Mr. Shapira stated, but he thought that Dr. Snash's Knesset immunity would probably protect him from being sued. He added, "I therefore invite Dr. Snash to publish this statement again within a week in any Hebrew newspaper, so that I can sue him for libel."

He also stated that he had no proof of his own statement on the previous day to Dr. Snash. "And you got a salary from the foreign Legation in Tel Aviv," he said, "but he did not have proof that Dr. Snash's party, as well as the Communists, received funds from a foreign Legation, and he was willing to publish this statement."

"Gossip, Not Statement" Dr. Snash got up to reply, his habitual smile rather bitter. He claimed that he had sent Mr. Shapira a letter in the form of a question, and not a statement, and as he had received an answer to his question, there was no occasion for publishing it.

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